



March 15, 2022

Re: **Support HB 5293 with an Amendment on an Act Prohibiting the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Acts**

Dear Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

My name is Andrea Dobras and I am a Connecticut resident, Board Chair at CT Votes for Animals. I strongly urge you to **support HB-5293 –an Amendment on An Act Prohibiting the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Acts.**

The bill prohibits the use of wild animals in traveling animal acts. This bill was raised in 2020 but was interrupted because of the pandemic. I support the bill but am requesting to amend the bill on line 33 by removing “includes any animal that is not domesticated”. Some exhibitors will use that language as a loophole to exclude from the bill’s scope wild animals bred, born, or raised in captivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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